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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 1ST, 1908.

Among the middle of this month the General Election takes place in Japan. We published not long ago a well-informed account of the various political parties that have arisen in Japan, and now it remains only to make a few general observations on the changes that have come over Japan's domestic politics. There is not very much to say about it, so we select the topic as convenient for an issue in which our columns, as will be noted, are unusually congested. We learn that the forthcoming General Election is to be a business one, the candidates including more commercial men than ever before. As trade is becoming notoriously the most conspicuous feature of Japan's national economy, this was to be expected, but foreigners will none-the-less watch for the result with great interest. The possibilities from their point of view of a Parliament largely composed of business representatives are obviously immense. The commercial class in Japan has lately begun to feel its power, as witness the influence of the Chambers of Commerce, which are taken very seriously and strongly supported. One "plank" of the new candidates is retrenchment coupled with opposition to the increased taxation. The better class Japanese are also pointing out with satisfaction that a class of candidates hitherto no credit to Japanese politics is or appears to be disappearing. These are the demagogues, the "so-called professional politicians," who are coming forward in much smaller numbers this time. One

authority gladly accepts this as an indication that the bulk of the electorate is becoming too intelligent and self-respecting to tolerate this class any longer. The papers are already devoting much space to election matters, and in another two or three weeks we trust we may be able to record results in accordance with the laudable hopes now being expressed.

The French Mail of the 31st March was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

It is notified that in the present calendar year not more than 15,000 chests of Malwa opium is to be exported from India.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledged, with thanks, the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Colonial Government \$300.

The second coxswain of the steam launch "Canada," who pluckily attempted to save Mr. Rennie from drowning, was called before Mr. Kemp at the Magistrate's yesterday and presented with a \$10 note.

It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway will build two additional larger and faster Atlantic "Empresses," and will establish a weekly service. Should the mail contract for the East be renewed by the British Government, the company contemplates new vessels for the Pacific.

From information supplied by Messrs. Sander Wiener and Co., the Hongkong agents, we note that the Magdalen Fire Insurance Co. is piling up a big surplus, the total accumulations beyond capital stock (£750,000) now amounting to £937,241. The premium income last year was practically a million and a half sterling.

It has practically been decided by the U.S. Navy Department that the Battleship Fleet shall visit Auckland on its way from Samoa to Sydney. There is an ample supply of good coal at the New Zealand port, and it is felt that the visit of the Fleet will also show the appreciation of the United States of the prompt and cordial invitation extended by the New Zealand authorities.

A Router's telegram from Paris states that M. Clemenceau, the Premier, has replied to M. de Montebello, who asked the Government's permission to withdraw the remains of his famous ancestor, Marshall Lannes, from the Pantheon as a protest against the internment there of the remains of Emilio Zola. The Premier pointed out that a special Act of Parliament would be necessary to sanction the removal, and that the Government did not see its way to introducing such a measure.

Lady Mary Glyn, the wife of the Bishop of Peterborough, was a month or so ago sitting in the Peterborough Infirmary by the bedside of a maid-servant, who had been taken from the Palace suffering from burns. At a neighbouring bed an evangelist was speaking to another patient. Mistaking Lady Mary for the girl's mother, he approached her with a handful of tracts, and the words, "Are you saved, madame; are you sure you're saved?" "As nearly as a bishop's wife can expect to be," was Lady Mary's reply.

A great deal of interest is centred just now among the promenaders along the Seine, near the Bastille, in the movements of a lady who is accompanied by six nurses, each nurse in charge of a baby girl. The goosips have discovered that the lady is the wife of a wealthy manufacturer. Three of the children are 14 months old and the others three months. A Paris contemporary, which seems to be as interested in the lady as are her fellow promenaders, states that the three elder babies were born on January 7 last year, and the younger ones on the 27th of December.

An old lady who had long vainly attempted to obtain an increase of pension decided to address a petition to the Princess. To the five-year-old daughter of the King of Italy. The letter was handed to the King, who read it and, with imperturbable seriousness, ordered his chamberlain to take it to the Princess. The chamberlain (the "Mail" says) proceeded to the Princess's cot, where the child was sleeping soundly, and to the astonishment of her nurse, gravely read the petition to her. Then he returned to the King. "Well," said Victor Emmanuel, "what did the Princess say?" "Nothing, your Majesty. She is asleep." "Then silence gives consent," said the King, and he ordered the petition to be granted.

A Devonshire farmer, who for thirty years had been in the habit of drinking his pint of beer nightly at the sign of the Dan Cow, was rendered reflective by the statement that under the Confiscation Bill his drink would cost him more. He discussed the matter with his wife, and came to the conclusion that it would save him money to lay down a cask of beer and drink it at home. This idea he proceeded to carry into effect. On the first evening of the experiment his wife, gratified at keeping him at home, said: "Now, Dan, we've 'ad your pint, an' saved a penny." The old chap mopped his mouth complacently. "Eer, Martha," said he with a beam of satisfaction. "I think I'll have another pint, and save a penny more."

TELEGRAMS.

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FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 30th.

Floods have taken place in the Thames Valley.

MOSCOW INUNDATED.

LONDON, April 30th.

Moscow is inundated and damage done to the extent of two millions.

ETNA ACTIVE.

LONDON, April 30th.

Mount Etna is in eruption.

THE BIG FLEET.

LONDON, April 30th.

The United States fleet is to visit the Fiji Islands.

KING EDWARD'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, April 30th.

It is reported that King Edward will visit Russia in July.

EXPLOSION ON JAPANESE WARSHIP.

Tokyo, April 30th.

The Admiral of the Training Squadron wires that the after magazine on the "Matsushima" exploded on Wednesday morning near the Pescadores. The vessel sank, and two officers and thirty cadets are missing. Twenty-four were saved.

ROUTER'S SERVICE.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 27th.

The Washington Senate has reconsidered the Naval Appropriation Bill, and amended it to provide four battleships, in accordance with President Roosevelt's desire. The measure was again defeated by 50/23.

ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

LONDON, April 27th.

President Roosevelt has sent another Message to Congress, in which he re-urges anti-trust legislation, and condemns the millionaire as the least enviable of citizens, a man with a face-grown hard and body soft; whose nominal pleasure is tasteless, extravagant luxury; whose real delight is accumulation, and the use of his power in the most sordid form; and whose son is a fool and daughter a foreign Princess.

LOSS OF A BRITISH DESTROYER.

LONDON, April 28th.

During night manoeuvres off Harwich, the Destroyer "Ala" was rammed and cut in two by the Scout "Attentive." Lieut. Fletcher perished; the crew was rescued. The "Attentive," temporarily uncontrollable then struck the "Ribble," it is stated, as the latter was attempting to cross her bows.

TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following digest of the report to the shareholders is supplied by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the Hongkong agents.

Profit and Loss Account 1906 and former years.—The balance in hand on this account at the beginning of the year was Yen 4,641,620; during the year the total disbursements have amounted to Yen 415,716. The Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of four Yen per share out of this account, which will absorb Yen 249,000 and that the balance of Yen 3,926,604 be carried forward.

Working Account, 1907.—The net premium for the year amount to Yen 1,687,488 against which net claims and losses have been settled aggregating Yen 508,188; the expenses to amount to Yen 221,689. There therefore remains a balance of Yen 957,601, to which has to be added interest of Yen 395,016.

The surplus funds, in excess of capital, now amount to Yen 5,300,000.

MARINE COURT.

Thursday, 30th April.

BEFORE THE HON. BASIL TAYLOR, R.N. (HARBOUR MASTER).

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION.

An enquiry was held at the Harbour Office into the circumstances of the collision between two steam launches, "Hoi Kong" and "Hoi Hong," which occurred in the Harbour on April 28.

The master of the "Hoi Kong" gave evidence that he met the "Hoi Hong," which was going in the opposite direction and as he was right ahead he altered his course, at the same time giving a long blast on the whistle. The other launch struck his launch in the starboard bow.

The Magistrate found that the collision was due entirely to the master of the "Hoi Hong" not being at his place of duty, and his certificate was cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JUNK BAY MILLS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS".]

April 30th.

SIR,—With reference to your report of the inquest attending the death of the late Mr. Rennie, whilst we are very loath to address you on this unhappy subject we feel that, in justice to our clients Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Mody, we ought to ask you to publish the following statement of the actual facts in connection with certain of the matters referred to in such report.

It is reported that a few days after the general meeting of the Hongkong Milling Company Ltd., a change became apparent in Mr. Rennie, who complained of business worries and alleged that those who could help him would not do so. With regard to this, reference should be made to the statements of Mr. Rennie on the 7th ultimo on the occasion of his presiding at the annual general meeting of the Milling Company; from this it will be seen that he stated that the outlook for the current year is more promising. "The demand for our product continues so strong that we have difficulty in keeping pace with it. I am glad to say that everything is going on smoothly at the mills." . . . and "A profit of \$161,262.76 in the first eleven months of our working proves that we have established the business on a sound basis and I confidently believe that at our next meeting we will be in a position to propose a handsome distribution of profits."

Such statements would certainly not convey to the ordinary mind that there was any cause for worry over, or anything substantially wrong with the affairs of the Company and our clients have in fact no reason whatever to suppose, or any intimation whatever from Mr. Rennie, that matters were running otherwise than most favourably in connection with the concern.

It is further reported that evidence was given to the effect that Mr. Rennie was asked why he did not tell his partners (our clients) of them and replied that he had done so but that it was no good. We presume that by "partners" are intended our clients, though actually they were not Mr. Rennie's partners, but directors of, and large shareholders in, the Milling Company. With regard to this part of the report, what we have written above is in point, but we should add, it was not until the 11th instant (three days before Mr. Rennie's death) that our clients had the slightest suspicion that all was not well in connection with the affairs of the Mill. On that date, at a Board Meeting of the Company, Mr. Rennie in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Association, intimated that he desired to have a meeting of the shareholders of the company convened for the purpose of obtaining authority from them to charge the Company's property in favour of their Bankers and he then put before our clients, as directors, a statement, which is now in our hands, showing a loss as estimated by him, of \$41,000 odd upon the milling and sale of the wheat then in the Company's godowns, which statement Mr. Rennie then informed our clients he purposed placing before the Company's Bankers. This was absolutely the first intimation our clients received from Mr. Rennie that the affairs of the Company were not proceeding favourably, but, as the statement showed a loss of only one-fourth of the profits that Mr. Rennie had stated at the annual general meeting had been already made by the company, our clients naturally did not view matters in too serious or too unfavourable a light and, having the most complete confidence in Mr. Rennie, they accepted such statement as accurate in every respect, though it has since been ascertained that the Company's Bankers proved it to be otherwise. At the same time Mr. Rennie mentioned to our clients that there was a purchase of wheat which he had made for June shipment, which he had asked the Company's Bankers to finance, but which they were unwilling to do unless our clients personally guaranteed the transaction, which amounted to some \$500,000. The latter did not then refuse to do this, but took the matter into consideration.

On the morning of the 14th instant, Mr. Rennie rang up Sir Paul Chater on the telephone, stating that he was in trouble and desired to see Sir Paul, who, in reply, arranged to see Mr. Rennie at his office that morning and accordingly did so. Mr. Rennie then informed Sir Paul Chater that there was trouble with regard to the June shipment above mentioned, that he had been notified that the steamer in connection therewith had been chartered and that accordingly the necessary credit must be sent and reiterated that if our clients would guarantee same it could be arranged through the Company's Bankers. Sir Paul Chater then suggested to Mr. Rennie that it would be best, in order to cut the then apparent loss on the shipment as much as possible, for Mr. Rennie to telegraph to cancel the contract and resell the shipment which Mr. Rennie then concurred in doing and, in Sir Paul's presence wrote out a telegram for that purpose and handed it to Mr. Chard to despatch.

It is also reported that on the day of Mr. Rennie's death Mrs. Rennie was served with a writ for \$30,000. With regard to this, in February last, prior to the annual general meeting, and when the accounts had been audited and a skeleton statement in connection therewith got out, Mr. Rennie saw our clients therewith and as to the disposition of the then estimated balance of some \$130,000 thereby appearing, Sir Paul Chater expressed the view that this balance should be appropriated by declaring a dividend to the shareholders, in view of the fact that three years had elapsed since the incorporation of the Company. Mr. Rennie was reluctant to accept this suggestion and stated that the company needed the money in its business and that their Bankers preferred such a course, whereupon Sir Paul Chater said

that, as Mr. Rennie proposed to give no dividend to the shareholders, he ought, in accordance with the not unusual practice, to forego at least a portion of his commission on the Company's workings for the then past year (prior to which there had been no workings and consequently no commission earned) amounting to \$60,000, and Mr. Rennie agreed to half such commission, thus receiving the sum of \$30,000, in this connection, Mr. Rennie informed our clients that he desired to obtain an advance to himself of a sum of \$30,000 which Mr. Mody promptly volunteered and which, a few days later, he did in fact lend, receiving in return a promissory note therefor, which promissory note fell due on the 21st ultimo, but, having the fullest confidence in Mr. Rennie and his position, Mr. Mody did not then present the note for payment, but left it to Mr. Rennie to discharge as and when he saw fit. After Mr. Rennie's death our clients learnt for the first time that he had effected considerable dealings with his holdings in the Milling Co., engaging considerable claims on his estate and Mr. Mody saw us in connection with the above mentioned loan, informing us of the dealings just referred to and placing his instructions in our hands. On our advice proceedings were at once instituted against the deceased's estate, with the view of endeavouring to secure to Mr. Mody priority for his claim in respect of the loan referred to over the claims of other creditors of the deceased in respect of his said dealings. These proceedings were not instituted on the same day as, but on the day following, Mr. Rennie's death and Mrs. Rennie was not served with the writ of summons, nor was it ever in contemplation to so serve her and in fact service was effected by us to her then solicitors two days after Mr. Rennie's death.

Finally, there is reported a suggestion to the effect that our clients have succeeded in obtaining possession of the Mill. With regard to this the true facts are that after Mr. Rennie's death the affairs of the Company were found to be so involved and disastrous that our clients, as the only remaining directors in the Colony, were advised and decided that, in the best interests of the shareholders, the only proper course was to apply to the Court for a winding-up order and the appointment of a liquidator, which was accordingly done. This liquidator is now in possession of the property of the Company on its behalf, but it is more than probable that the realisation of such property will be insufficient to pay the Company's creditors and, consequently leave nothing for the shareholders, of whom our clients hold two-thirds of the whole capital and accordingly are by far the greatest losers, from the confidence placed in Mr. Rennie, and the state in which his death left the affairs of the Company.

Thanking you in anticipation of the insertion of this, we are yours obediently,

DEACON LOOKER AND DEACON.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 30th April.

IN APPLICABLE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

LEAVE TO APPEAL.

An application was submitted to their Lordships (Sir F. Pigott, Chief Justice, and Mr. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Puisne Judge) for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in the case Chan Wo and others v. Chan Yam and others. This was an appeal from the decision of the Full Court on July 2nd 1907, arising out of a claim by the appellants for \$4358 paid into court being part of a sum of \$12,000.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Sergeant of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the appellants, and Mr. M. Slade instructed by Mr. G. R. Hall Branton, appeared for the respondents.

Mr. Pollock said the decision of the Full Court was to the effect that the defendants' excluded the debt from their assignment to the plaintiffs.

Mr. Slade argued that the appellants had not completed their security within the three months stipulated by the rules of the Court.

Their Lordships reserved their judgment.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MCKIRDY.

Mr. "Archie" McKirdy, an old and faithful servant of the Taikeo Sugar Works, goes home to-morrow (Saturday) for a well-earned holiday of nine months. During his fourteen years in Hongkong, he has identified himself with sport and athletics to such an extent that his renown is great, his acquaintances legion, and his friends many, close, and loyal. As a successful cyclist, sprinter, and yachtsman, as a keen volunteer, and as an all-round good fellow, Mr. McKirdy will receive a popular welcome on his return.

Meanwhile, on taking leave, he has been the recipient of numerous mementoes of the esteem he has earned, including (from members of the Corinthian Yacht Club, of which he has been Honorary Treasurer for the last two years) a pocket anorak, a wallet, a gold pen-case, and a pair of binoculars of latest design.

To-night at the King Edward Hotel Mr. McKirdy is giving a farewell dinner to a number of his friends.

CHINA ASSOCIATION.

NEW OFFICERS.

We learn from our London office that Mr. R. S. Gundry is relinquishing the presidency of the China Association, and that Mr. J. H. Scott is proposed as his successor.

Sir Charles Dalgon is expected to act as chairman and Mr. George Jamieson as vice-chairman, while Mr. R. C. Wilcox (recently of Hongkong) will be secretary.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FRANKLIN JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS, COLONEL C. H. DARLING.

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, J.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. W. REES DAVIES, (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-General).

Hon. Commander BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. WBI YUK.

Hon. Mr. H. KESWICK.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

Mr. C. CLEMENTS (Clerk of Councils), MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers—Report of the Registrar-General.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial minutes Nos. 16, 17 and 18, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1903 and the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1903 as now read a second time.

Since this Bill was introduced, Sir, and read a first time it has been very extensively criticised by the local architects on behalf of the European and Chinese property owners in this Colony. They have submitted statements of certain amendments which they considered should be made and meetings have been held with Your Excellency and the amendments were fully discussed and a great many of them have been adopted. They have shown perhaps a little undue nervousness in criticising the proposals because in one case they have suggested that the word modify should be altered to reduce. Now Sir, the word modify is equivalent to modification is used repeatedly and I have never heard it suggested that modification should mean something less than was supposed in the clause in connection with which that term was used. One of the principal features of the Bill is the concentration under the building authority of all matters which affect the construction of buildings. The submission of plans to the Medical Officer of Health which require his signature to the issue of certificates will be dispensed with and it is hoped considerable time will be saved in the passing of the plans. I propose only to refer to the principal matters dealt with in the Bill before the Council, because the objects and reasons of the Bill have been fully set forth both as regards the Bill itself and subsequent amendments which have been circulated to the members. I may say, Sir, it is proposed to withdraw the definition of external air in the section introduced because it would operate rather harshly upon parties who wished to erect a building of moderate height who happened to have opposite to this proposed building another of much greater height belonging to some neighbouring owner. It is proposed to reduce space and cubic space per house is very much reduced, Sir, in the present Bill. The provision of a similar sort was incorporated in the original ordinance of 1903 but withdrawn when that Ordinance was amended at a later period. When certain other amendments which have been made in the present Bill are before the Council it is hoped that it will have greater effect and be found a useful provision. Section 101—a new section—has been introduced to apply to existing buildings when they are being altered. The provision has regard to the thickness of walls which apply to new buildings. Under the present ordinance the requirements as regards the thickness of walls are limited to new buildings only. It is evidently absurd to reconstruct a portion of an existing building of less thickness than that required for new buildings. Another section—103a—is to regulate the construction of partition walls principally with a view to acquiring some more substantial form of construction than can be insisted on at the present time and with a view of securing the use of non-inflammable materials especially in cases which are so densely populated as many of the buildings in this Colony. Section 107 refers to party walls. At the present time there are no restrictions regarding the openings in party walls and when a man makes an opening he does it where he pleases and in the course of time that opening becomes a source of danger to the building. Section 151 introduces some amendments as regards the lighting of buildings of a greater depth than 40 feet as the present provisions in the Ordinance are found to be somewhat too drastic and it is hoped this alteration will meet the requirements of the case. The Amending Section 153 is based largely upon the recommendations of the Building Committee, which included four unofficial members of this Council and one of the leading architects, and the proposals now made I presume will recommend themselves to the members of this Council. In connection with that clause it is proposed to introduce an amendment with regard to houses on the reclamation but it will be limited to houses not exceeding one hundred feet in depth. Section 154, which is proposed to renumber as 156, provides for a scheme for improving existing blocks of buildings. That scheme, Sir, if it becomes at all general will undoubtedly confer a very substantial improvement in the condition of the Colony and I think the improvement will be effected at what may be regarded as a moderate cost. In section 175 it is proposed to delete the words "by the Council." That has been a bone of contention in previous discussions. There can be no doubt that it was the intention of the original Ordinance that the space specified should be provided by the owners and the provision has been in force for many years. It is not peculiar to Hongkong because it may be said to be universal that open spaces must be provided by the owner. Section 179 deals with open spaces and scavenging lairs. A few

NOTICE

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

MR EDWARD HAROLD SMYTH is authorized to SIGN the Firm per Preparation. DEACON & CO.

Canton, 1st May, 1908.

TO LET

OFFICES in HOTEL MANSIONS. Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

TO LET

NO. 2 CHANCERY LANE, Six-Roomed House, Electric Lights, Put in thorough repair. With immediate possession. Apply to PERCY SMITH & SETH, Accountants & Auditors, 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling and Six Pence per Share free of tax for account of the year ending 31st February, 1908, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company. Coupon No. 10 is payable on 1st May at the Chartered Bank in India, Australia, and China, and the Kusso Chinese Bank in Peking and Shanghai. SELWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On TUESDAY, the 5th May, 1908, at 2.30 p.m., at "Myrtle Bank," 51, Mount Kellet Road, The Peak, SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—DOUBLE IRON & BRASS BEDSTEADS and MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with Mirror, DOOR OVERMANTELS with MIRROR, SIDEBOARD and DINING WAGGON, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND, BOOK CASES, TABLES, FENDERS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, LADY'S DESK by HALL & HUNT, Shanghai, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, DRESSING TABLE, LAMPS, HAT and UMBRELLA STANDS, &c., &c., &c. Also, One 12-Bore SPORTING GUN in Case. Catalogues will be issued. TERMS—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamship "ONSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 2nd May, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers, Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "KALOMO," Captain Linklater, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. Caring to the steamer having encountered heavy weather, Consignees are notified that a General Average Bond must be signed before Bills of Lading will be counter-signed. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 6th May, at 3 p.m. All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be counter-signed. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by SELWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

LADIES, PLEASE NOTE!

REMOVAL SALE.

EVERYTHING must be cleared, even at RUINOUS PRICES, prior to our REMOVING to New Premises. For CASH ONLY. Now is the time for you to secure GENUINE BARGAINS. Please call and see for yourself. HOOSAIN ALI & CO., 25, Queen's Road Central, Under Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1892, and in the Matter of the Petition of ROBERT MACPHERSON, Esq., of 9, Exeter Road, Brandonbury, in the County of Middlesex, England, and WILLIAM EDWIN HEYS, Esq., of 10, Bedford Road, Bayswater, in the County of Middlesex, England, for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for a New or Improved DETERGENT FOR USE WITH HARD AND SOFT WATER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Declaration and Specification required by the above cited Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and that it is the intention of the said ROBERT MACPHERSON, and WILLIAM EDWIN HEYS by Mr. J. D. STEPHENS, their Solicitor and Agent to apply for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention, at a sitting of the Executive Council to be held at the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 11th day of May, 1908, at 2.30 p.m. Dated the 30th day of April, 1908. MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor for the Applicants.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1892, and in the Matter of the Petition of MACKWORTH BULKLEY, Esq., of the Garrison Club, Garrison Street, London, England, for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for a New or Improved PROCESS OF CARBURIZING IRON AND APPARATUS THEREFOR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Declaration and Specification required by the above cited Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and that it is the intention of the said MACKWORTH BULKLEY, Esq., by Mr. J. D. STEPHENS, his Solicitor and Agent to apply for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention, at a sitting of the Executive Council to be held at the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 11th day of May, 1908, at 2.30 p.m. Dated the 30th day of April, 1908. MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor for the Applicant.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.) STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG. Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to Port Said, Messina, Naples, Leghorn and Genoa, also Venice and Trieste, all Mediterranean, Adriatic, Levantine and South American Ports up to Callao. (Taking Cargo at through rates to Persian Gulf and Bagdad, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship "CAPRI," Captain Padone, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 12th inst. at Noon. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, TOWER ROAD, SATURDAY, the 2nd May, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 29th February, 1908, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th April to 2nd May, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 14th April, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE. AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1908, at 5.15 p.m., for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club. By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE. DURING the Absence of Mr. C. H. GRACE on leave, Mr. JAMES CRAIK has been Appointed Acting Secretary. H. P. WHITE, Chairman, Hongkong, 1st April, 1908.

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received Instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 1st May, 1908, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A COLLECTION OF TONKIN INLAID WARE. Comprising—SCREENS, CABINETS, TRAYS, BOXES, JEWEL and TRINKET CASES, &c., &c. AND A Consignment of MANILA CIGARS. Terms—As Customary. On View from THURSDAY, the 30th April, 1908. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 29th April, 1908.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), AND TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 1st and 2nd May, 1908, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising—CARVED CHERRYWOOD SOFAS, TABLES, CHAIRS, STANDS, MOTHER-OF-PEARL INLAID SCREENS and PANELS, SILK-EMBROIDERED SCREENS and PARASOLS, WALL HANGINGS, KINKOSAN SATSUMA VASES, IVORY CARVINGS, TORTOISE SHELL ORNAMENTS, ABITA and MAKUDZU, INRO, LACQUERED WARE, BUDDHAS and TEMPLE ORNAMENTS, OLD CLOISONNE VASES, &c., &c., &c. Catalogues will be issued. Terms—As Usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 29th April, 1908.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

THE CHAMBER OF MINES LABOUR IMPORTATION AGENCY, LIMITED, having been placed in Voluntary Liquidation, the Business, Assets and Liabilities of the aforementioned Agency have been TAKEN OVER by the WITWATERSTADT NATIVE LABOUR ASSOCIATION, LIMITED. All accounts in future to be rendered in the name of the above mentioned Association. H. W. KEMPSTER, General Manager in China, Hongkong, 29th April, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Partnership subsisting between the undersigned under the name and style of COOPER & CO., has been DISSOLVED by Mutual Consent, as from first day of JUNE, 1908, and the Business TAKEN OVER by P. N. COOPER solely as from that date, the Interest and Responsibility of HORNBY & RUTON in the said Firm having CEASED from that date. HORNBY & RUTON, PESTONJEE N. COOPER, Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.

TO LET.

A HOUSE IN KNOTSFORD TERRACE, No. 3, CANTON VILLAS. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

TO LET.

CHAMBERS in No. 2, WYNDHAM STREET, Moderate Rent. One ROOM with Verandah and Small Room on the Second-floor of No. 3, Des Vaux Road Central, above our Offices, Suitable for business premises or dwellings. First Floor of No. 6, Queen's Road, Central, comprising SIX Large Rooms and Outhouses, suitable for business Premises or Dwellings, now occupied by FRED. BORNEMANN. Apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd. Hongkong, 7th April, 1908.

TO LET.

OFFICES on Top Floor No. 2, Connaught Road, facing the Cricket Ground. HOUSES in Wong Nei Chong Road, No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor. "HATHERLEIGH," Connaught Road. OFFICES in Yau Ma Tei, BROADWAY BUILDINGS, No. 14B, Des Vaux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel. FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st May, 1908.

TO LET.

THE ROOMS on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well-ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession. Apply to YEE SANG FAT & CO. Same address, 270 Hongkong, 28th January, 1907.

TO LET.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau Ma Tei, Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

TO LET

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. GODOWN at Davies Street, Kennedy Town, lately occupied by the STANDARD OIL COMPANY. Apply to CHATER & MODY, Hongkong, 24th March, 1908.

TO LET.

ONE FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE at Praya East, near East Point. Apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908.

TO LET.

NO. 27, 31 and 33, SEYMOUR ROAD, No. 61, CAINE ROAD. Apply to SAM WANG CO., LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1908.

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Apply to SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907.

TO LET.

EITHER Side of the DOUGLAS WHARF. Terms on Application to DOUGLAS LAIRAIR & CO., General Managers, DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LD. Hongkong, 31st March, 1908.

TO LET.

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon-Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905.

TO LET—KOWLOON.

FURNISHED HOUSE, 5 Rooms, Electric Light, use of Tennis Court. Moderate Rental. Apply by letter—"537" Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 29th April, 1908.

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, (formerly occupied by Messrs. SELWAN, TOMES & Co.). Apply to THE COMPRADORE-DEPT., JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 25th February, 1908.

TO LET.

"GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 26 Rooms. No. 1, COLLEGE GARDENS, Furnished. For 5 or 6 Months, cheap rental. OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Top Floor. From 1st July, 1908. No. 8, BELLILLO TERRACE, 1st Row Corner House. BEAUFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, (over Calbeck MacGregor). OFFICES in Queen's Road Central. BELLILLO TERRACE HOUSES. No. 3, DUDDELL STREET Shop. No. 2, DES VEAUX VILLAS (P&A). No. 57, PRAYA GRANDE, Macao. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 13th April, 1908.

TO LET.

FIRST Class European Houses, Lochiel Terrace and Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon. Apply to TAM TSE KONG, Care of Hip On Insurance, Exchange and Loan Co., Ltd., 42, Bonham Street, West, Hongkong, 1st October, 1907.

TO LET.

4 and 5-ROOMED HOUSES in Kowloon. COMMODIOUS SHOP in Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. Immediate possession. Moderate rentals. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908.

TO LET.

12, ARBUTHNOT ROAD—8 Rooms. 20, WYNDHAM STREET—4 Rooms. Apply to E. A. & C. F. DE CARVALHO, 14, Arbuthnot Road, Hongkong, 25th April, 1908.

COLD-STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods. C. K. HAXTON, Manager, Hongkong 1st April, 1908.

FOR EUROPE & AMERICA.

INDIA, AUSTRALIA, &c., and for PRIVATE RESIDENTS AT THE OUTPOSTS. A Comprehensive and Complete Record of the NEWS OF THE FAR EAST is given in the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, with which is incorporated THE CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT, subscription paid in advance, \$12 per annum. Postage \$2 to any part of the World.

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK. THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application. INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 Per Cent. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum. For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 12th January 1907.

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK (NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK). ESTABLISHED 1863. Authorized Capital Fl. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000). Subscribed Capital Fl. 10,000,000 (Paid up Reserve Fund Fl. 1,125,870.36 (£175,043)). HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM. SUB-OFFICE: THE HAGUE. HEAD AGENT: BATAVIA. BRANCHES at: Singapore, Sourabaya, Samarang, Indramajoe, Bandoeng and Weltevreden. CORRESPONDENTS at: Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Macassar, Pontanah, Padang, Medan, Peking, Rangoon, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Karachi, Djeddah, Bangkok, Saigon, Shanghai.

BANKERS: London: THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK, SWISS BANK CORP. Paris: COMPTE NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS. Berlin: DEUTSCHE BANK. Brussels: BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS BAS. Vienna: UNION BANK. Rome: BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA.

THE BANK buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit payable in all important places of the World and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business. INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the Rate of 2 1/2 per annum on the Daily Balance. On Fixed Deposit: 12 months 4 1/2 per annum do. 6 do. 3 1/2 do. 3 do. 3 1/2 do. C. WOLDRING Manager, No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 1st April, 1908.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED (INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER). CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 5,000,000 CAPITAL PAID UP Yen 3,750,000 HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS: Amoy, Anping, Foochow, Keelung, Swatow, Kobe, Nagasaki, Osaka, Shanghai, Yokohama. HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, DES VEAUX ROAD. Interest allowed on Current Account. Deposits received on terms which may be had on application. D. TOHDOW, Manager, Hongkong, 5th April, 1907.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP ... Gold \$3,250,000, = about Mex. \$7,222,222. RESERVE FUND ... Gold \$3,250,000, = about Mex. \$7,222,222. HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York. LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C. Branches and Agents all over the World.

LONDON BANKERS.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES and AGENTS all over the World. The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money Current Account at the Rate of 2 1/2 per annum on Daily balance and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates: For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 6 " 3 " " " For 3 " 3 " " " No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong. W. M. ANDERSON, Manager, Hongkong 8th April, 1908.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000. RESERVE FUNDS: STEERING \$1,500,000 at 2 1/2 = \$15,000,000. SALVAGE ... \$13,500,000. \$23,500,000. RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. HENRY KESWICK, Chairman. E. GOW, Esq., Deputy Chairman. E. G. Barrett, Esq., E. Shallen, Esq., G. Friesland, Esq., R. Shawan, Esq., A. Fuchs, Esq., H. A. W. Slade, Esq., C. S. Grubbe, Esq., H. E. Tomkins, Esq., C. K. Lemmann, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH. MANAGER: Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTRY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance. ON FIXED DEPOSITS. For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum. J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908.

BANKS

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK. CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP... Sh. Tael 7,500,000. HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN. BRANCHES: Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tainanfu, Tientsin, Kobe, Yokohama, Singapore.

Founded by the following Banks and Bankers: KÖNIGLICHE SBBHANDLUNG (PABUSCHOW) STAATSBANK Berlin.

DIRECTOR DER DISCOUNT-GESellschaft DEUTSCHE BANK S. BLEICHRODER BERLINER HANDELS-GESellschaft BANK LUTER HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE ROBERT WARSCHAUER & Co. MENDELSSOHN & Co. M. A. VON ROTHCHILD & SOHNEN JACOB S. H. STEIN NORDDEUTSCHE BANK IN HAMBURG, HAMBURG SAL. OPPENHEIM, JR., & Co., Koenig. BAYERISCHE HYPOTHEKEN UND WIRTSCHAFTSBANK, MÜNCHEN.

LONDON-BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. ROTHCHILD & SON: THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT DIRECTOR DER DISCOUNT-GESellschaft.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account, DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. A. KORNH Manager, Hongkong, 4th December, 1907.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853, HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £1,200,000. RESERVE FUND ... £1,475,000. RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS ... £1,200,000. INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance. On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent. for 6 " 3 1/2 " for 3 " 3 " JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager, Hongkong, 7th January, 1908.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000. SUBSCRIBED ... £1,250,000. PAID-UP ... £500,000. RESERVE FUND ... £100,000. LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balance. ON FIXED DEPOSITS: For 12 months ... 4 1/2 per cent. For 6 " ... 3 1/2 per cent. For 3 " ... 3 per cent. EVAN ORMERSON, Manager, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... Yen 24,000,000. RESERVE FUNDS ... 15,134,000. HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS: Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, San Francisco, Honolulu, Bombay, Shanghai, Hankow, Chefoo, Tientsin, Peking, Newchwang, Dalny, Port Arthur, Antung, Liyang, Mukden, Tieling, Chang Chun.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 per annum. " " " 3 " 4 1/2 " " " " 3 " 3 1/2 " " TAKEO KARAMICHI, Manager, Hongkong, 24th March 1908.

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSMAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY). ESTABLISHED 1824. PAID UP CAPITAL Fl. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000). RESERVE FUND ... Fl. 5,875,375 (£843,800).

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM. HEAD AGENT: BATAVIA. BRANCHES: Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Cheribon, Tegal, Pecalongan, Pascoerogan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Koe-Bedja, (Acheen) Bandjermaein. Correspondents at: Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hankow, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS: THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CHIKKI, British str., 1,150, J. Warrack, 30th April—Haiphong 28th April, General and Live Stock—Butterfield & Swire.
CHOISING, German str., 1,021, R. Bucking, 29th April—Bangkok 23rd April, Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.
CHOYANG, British str., 1,424, Sandback, 30th April—Shanghai April 26th, via Swatow 29th, General, Sheep and Cattle—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
KALMO, British str., 1,956, R. Linklater, 29th April—New York 8th March, and Singapore 23rd April, General—Shevan, Tomes & Co.
ONANG, British str., 1,787, R. Cox, 30th April—Calcutta via Straits and Singapore 23rd April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SHAOHUNG, British str., 30th April—Canton.
VICTORIA, Swedish str., 2,36, W. Owen Jones, 30th April—Chikang 26th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
30th April.
Carl Diederichsen, German str., for Haiphong, Chongqing, British str., for Canton, Haiching, British str., for Canton Ports, Kungong, British str., for Bangkok, Taiwan, British str., for Saigon, Tungue, Norwegian str., for Japan, Yunnan, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

30th April.
BOURBON, French str., for Saigon.
DELTA, British str., for Shanghai.
HILARY, German str., for Saigon.
PROGRESS, German str., for Canton.
SKRANSTAD, Norwegian str., for Chiofo.
TIBODAS, Dutch str., for Batavia.
WINGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Chikang reports: Strong N.E. wind and sea.
The British str. Choyang reports: Fresh N.E. monsoon, rough sea, overcast rainy weather throughout.
The British str. Onang reports: Light N.E. wind, and fine weather, rotatory fresh N.E. winds and moderate swell.
The British str. Yunnan reports: On Friday, April 24th, strong gale in the Yangtze and vicinity; Chikang to Tientsin, fresh N.E. breeze with fine weather; Tientsin to Hongkong, strong N.E. wind, of gale force at time, rough sea and overcast weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

April 30th.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Sargoon, Chantaboon, Haiphong, Empress of Japan, Amara, Cosmopolitan Docks.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

For SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."
Capt. A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports 10-DAY, the 1st May, at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAFFRAK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1908. 772

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
THROUGH BILL OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DEVANHA."
Captain T. H. Hilde, R.N.R. carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay &c. on SATURDAY, the 2nd May at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above port in connection with the Company's s.s. "MONGOLIA," 9,500 tons, from Colombo; passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong. Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London &c. will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "ARABIA," due in London on 13th June, 1908.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1908. 1

CHINA COMMERCIAL S.S. CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

For SALINA CRUZ, MEXICO.

THE Steamship

"LANDRAT SCHEFF."
Captain H. Grandt, will be despatched for the above Ports via MOJI, JAPAN, TO-MORROW, the 2nd May, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to CHINA COMMERCIAL S.S. Co., Ltd., Hotel Managers.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1908. 677

For SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship

"GLAN MACMILLAN."
Will be despatched for the above Ports on the 7th May.
For freight apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong 21st April, 1908. 702

THE RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

For ODESSA.

"VORONEJ."
Will leave on or about the end of June.
For Freight apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. 748

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into F or S sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hilde, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	NORE	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 6th inst.
LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	DENNIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	About 15th inst.
ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LYDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 10th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLIMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 7th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SENGBAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th inst.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG &c.	SINGAPORE	Ger. str.	k. w.	Gistebrau	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	AUSTRIAN	Ger. str.	—	Salmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 5th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	KANAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Voron	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 12th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE &c.	INDIEN	Dan. str.	—	J. Randermann	MELCHERS & CO.	On 27th inst., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERIA, GIBRALTAR &c.	YORCK	Ger. str.	—	A. Petrie	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	Beginning of May.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Aus. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 25th inst.
ODESSA	VORONEJ	Rus. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About end of June.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	LOWTHER CASTLE	Am. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 31st inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	SATSUMA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 14th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 7th inst., at P.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	TANAKA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Swain	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	KUMERIC	Am. str.	—	Cowley	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 14th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
SALINA CRUZ, MEXICO VIA MOJI & JAPAN	CLAN MACMILLAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Grandt	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	LANDRAT SCHEFF	Ger. str.	—	W. B. Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHINGFU	Brit. str.	1 m.	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	D. Lens	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst., at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th June, at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	O. Jones, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HOPKINS	Brit. str.	—	D. Lens	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	MELCHERS & CO.	About 1st inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HANATA MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. Murai	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 9th inst., at D'light
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CORONIA	Jap. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Noon.
VIADIVOSTOK	THIKINI	Dut. str.	—	H. Koope	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th June.
VIADIVOSTOK	CHEONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
VIADIVOSTOK	ANIRAL MAGON	Fren. str.	—	J. M. Lewis	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 3rd inst., at D'light
VIADIVOSTOK	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 4th inst.
VIADIVOSTOK	SHAOHUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Noon.
VIADIVOSTOK	CHOYANG	Brit. str.	—	Sandback	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	MOYORI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Hands	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 6th inst.
VIADIVOSTOK	TUNGSHING	Brit. str.	—	H. Farnes	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	HUKLOW	Ger. str.	—	G. W. Babot	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 6th inst.
VIADIVOSTOK	CEYLON	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Babot	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst., P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	EMERALD SIMONS	Fren. str.	—	G. W. Babot	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 14th inst.
VIADIVOSTOK	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Pandora	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
VIADIVOSTOK	TIPANAS	Dut. str.	—	T. Surget	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 6th inst., at 9 A.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	SOSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	de Brouwers	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
VIADIVOSTOK	YINGCHOW	Dut. str.	—	Frazier	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	JOHNN MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. S. Smith	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 3rd inst., at 9 A.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	CHIKKI	Brit. str.	1 m.	Imbhen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd inst., at 9 A.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. Meyrick	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	1 m.	Rodger	SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
VIADIVOSTOK	THAN	Brit. str.	—	A. Sommerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	E. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 8th inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	E. Houghton	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 9th inst., at Noon.
VIADIVOSTOK	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	F. Somhill	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
VIADIVOSTOK	WAKAMITSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Yamawaki	MELCHERS & CO.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
VIADIVOSTOK	CAPRI	Ital. str.	—	Pedone	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst.
VIADIVOSTOK	NAMSANG	Brit. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
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